

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 886 - HB 1393

February 24, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a well owner's or driller's notice of intent (NOI) to drill a water well be submitted to the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) at least 14 days before drilling the well. Requires the Commissioner of TDEC to post such notice on the department's website. Requires the location of a well for a public water system be exempted from disclosure. Prohibits any water well from being drilled within any home-rule municipality or any county operating under a county charter form of government, which are exempt from state well drilling regulations, unless the well owner or driller has notified an official or agency of such municipality or county at least 14 days preceding the drilling. Requires the municipality or county to publish any notice of intention to drill a water well on their website.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to TDEC, the Department received 2,351 NOI water wells submissions in 2016, and 1,937 in 2015.
- Requiring such NOIs to be submitted to TDEC at least 14 days preceding the commencement of drilling will not result in a significant fiscal impact to the state or local government.
- All NOIs to drill water wells can be entered into TDEC's internal database and posted on their website using existing resources without an increased appropriation or a reduced reversion.
- Requiring a NOI to be submitted to an official or agency in municipalities or counties that are currently exempt from state well drilling regulations will not result in a significant increase in expenditures to the local government.
- It is assumed that local agencies that do not have a website will not be required to create one to satisfy the requirements of this bill. Any increase in expenditures for local governments that have websites will not experience a significant increase in expenditures associated with posting NOIs on their website.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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